

Trade Representative; Eric G. John, Deputy Assistant Secretary of State, Bureau of East Asian and Pacific Affairs; Jon Caspers, National Pork Producers Council, Swaledale, Iowa; Christian Schlect, Northwest Horticultural Council, Yakima, Washington; Jeffrey R. Shafer, Citigroup Global Markets, New York, New York; and Augustine D. Tantillo, American Manufacturing Trade Action Coalition, Chris Seiple, Institute for Global Engagement, T. Kumar, Amnesty International USA, and Virginia B. Foote, U.S.-Vietnam Trade Council, all of Washington, D.C.

Hearing recessed subject to the call.

MULTILATERAL DEVELOPMENT BANKS

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded a hearing to examine development effectiveness of certain infrastructure projects relating to multilateral development banks and their role in promoting economic development and reducing poverty, focusing on the Camisea pipeline project in Peru, and the Chad-Cameroon oil pipeline revenue management program, after receiving testimony from Clay Lowery, Assistant Secretary of the Treasury for International Affairs; Jaime Quijandria, The World Bank, Korinna Horta, Environmental Defense Fund, on behalf of The Chadian Association for the Promotion and Defense of Human Rights and The Center for Environment and Development in Cameroon, and Manish Bapna, Bank Information Center, all of Washington, D.C.; and Carlos Herrera Descalzi, National Engineers Association of Peru, Lima.

LUMBEE RECOGNITION ACT

Committee on Indian Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine S. 660, to provide for the acknowledgment of the Lumbee Tribe of North Carolina, after receiving testimony from Senator Dole; Representative McIntyre; R. Lee Fleming, Director, Office of Federal Acknowledgment, Department of the Interior; James Ernest Goins, Pembroke, North Carolina, Arlinda F. Locklear, Jefferson, Maryland,

and Jack Campisi, Red Hook, New York, all of the Lumbee Tribe of North Carolina; and Michell Hicks, Eastern Bank of Cherokees, Cherokee, North Carolina.

IMMIGRATION REFORM

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee concluded a hearing to examine immigration reform issues, after receiving testimony from Carlos Gutierrez, Secretary of Commerce; Michael

W. Cutler, Center for Immigration Studies, Benjamin Johnson, American Immigration Law Foundation, and William F. McDonald, Georgetown University Law Center, all of Washington, D.C.; and Niall O'Dowd, Irish Lobby for Immigration, New York, New York.

SMALL BUSINESS FEDERAL CONTRACTING

Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship: Committee concluded a hearing to examine strengthening participation of small businesses in Federal contracting and innovation research programs, after receiving testimony from Eric M. Thorson, Inspector General, Small Business Administration; Joe Wynn, Veterans Enterprise Training and Services Group, and Charles W. Wessner, National Research Council, both of Washington, D.C.; Steven Sims, National Minority Supplier Development Council, New York, New York; Michael Squillante, RMD, Inc., Watertown, Massachusetts, on behalf of the Small Business Technology Council; Eugene Watson, Red Ladder Ranch, Centennial, Wyoming, on behalf of the University of Wyoming Research Office and Wyoming Business Council; and Thomas J. Bigger, Paratek Pharmaceuticals, Boston, Massachusetts.

INTELLIGENCE

Select Committee on Intelligence: Committee met in closed session to receive a briefing on certain intelligence matters from officials of the intelligence community.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 17 public bills, H.R. 5765–5781; and 4 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 445 and H. Res. 911–913, were introduced.

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Additional Cosponsors:

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Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

H. Res. 910, providing for consideration of H.R. 9, to amend the Voting Rights Act of 1965 (H. Rept. 109–554); and

H.R. 5640, to amend part B of title IV of the Social Security Act to reauthorize the safe and stable families program, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 109–555).

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Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Simpson to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H5049**

Chaplain: The prayer was offered by the guest Chaplain, Rev. Michael Jackson, Pastor, New Life Assembly of God, Janesville, Wisconsin. **Page H5049**

Carl D. Perkins Career and Technical Education Improvement Act of 2005—Motion to go to Conference: The House previously passed H.R. 366, to amend the Carl D. Perkins Vocational and Technical Education Act of 1998 to strengthen and improve programs under that Act. The House subsequently passed S. 250, as amended by the House, a similar Senate-passed bill after striking all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the text of H.R. 366, as passed by the House. The House insisted on its amendments and requested a conference with the Senate. **Pages H5062–73**

Agreed to amend the title so as to read: “To amend the Carl D. Perkins Vocational and Technical Education Act of 1998 to strengthen and improve programs under that Act.”. **Page H5073**

The House agreed to the Miller of California motion to instruct conferees by a ye-a-and-nay vote of 260 yeas to 159 nays, Roll No. 366.

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The Chair appoints the following Members of the House as conferees on S. 250: Representatives McKeon, Castle, Souder, Osborne, Musgrave, Miller, George, of California, Woolsey, and Kind.

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Credit Rating Agency Duopoly Relief Act of 2005: The House passed H.R. 2990, to improve ratings quality by fostering competition, transparency, and accountability in the credit rating agency industry, by a recorded vote of 255 yeas to 166 noes, Roll No. 368. **Pages H5080–94**

Pursuant to the rule, the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on Financial Services now printed in the bill shall be considered as an original bill for the purpose of amendment and shall be considered as read.

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Agreed to:

Oxley amendment (No. 1 printed in H. Rept. 109–550) to clarify that there is no private right of action for rating agencies registered as “Nationally Recognized Statistical Rating Organizations” or “NRSROs” under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934; allot to the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) an additional 6 months for a total of 1 year to review and, if necessary, revise its regulations that use the term “NRSRO”; and make a number of technical amendments clarifying definitions, findings, and disclosure requirements. **Pages H5089–90**

Rejected:

Kanjorski amendment in the nature of a substitute (No. 2 printed in H. Rept. 109–550) which sought to establish a globally consistent, market-based approach to rating agency oversight and protects investors by maintaining quality as a factor in identifying Nationally Recognized Statistical Rating Organizations (NRSROs); require the SEC to complete its definitional rulemaking on what constitutes an NRSRO within 60 days of enactment and establish public guidelines about the process used to identify new NRSROs within 180 days of enactment; encourage participating parties to expedite and complete their ongoing discussions over the Voluntary Framework, consistent with the European Commission’s adoption of the International Organization of Securities Commissions’ self-regulatory model, to improve market discipline and enhance rating quality; and would require annual hearings for 5 years on rating agencies before the House Financial Services Committee to explore the effectiveness of the prior two reforms and determine the need for further action (by a recorded vote of 198 yeas to 222 noes, Roll No. 367). **Pages H5090–94**

H. Res. 906, the rule providing for consideration of the bill was agreed to by a ye-a-and-nay vote of 308 yeas to 113 nays, Roll No. 365, after agreeing to order the previous question by a ye-a-and-nay vote of 223 yeas to 197 nays, Roll No. 364.

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Suspensions—Proceedings Resumed: The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measure which was debated on Tuesday, July 11th:

To study and promote the use of energy efficient computer servers in the United States: H.R. 5646, amended, to study and promote the use of energy efficient computer servers in the United States, by a (2/3) ye-a-and-nay vote of 417 yeas to 4 nays, Roll No. 369. **Pages H5094–95**

Senate Message: Message received from the Senate today appears on page H5049.

Senate Referrals: S. 1509 and S. 2430 were referred to the Committee on Resources, S. 2918 was referred to the Committee on House Administration, and S. 2041 was held at the desk. **Page H5125**

Quorum Calls—Votes: Four ye-a-and-nay votes and two recorded votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H5078–79, H5079–80, H5080, H5093–94, H5094, and H5095. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 8 p.m.

Committee Meetings

MILITARY COMMISSIONS AND TRIBUNALS

Committee on Armed Services: Held a hearing on standards of military commissions and tribunals. Testimony was heard from Steven Bradbury, Acting Assistant Attorney General, Office of Legal Counsel, Department of Justice; Daniel J. Dell’Orto, Principal Deputy General Counsel, Department of Defense; Theodore Olson, former Solicitor General of the United States; and RADM John Hutson, USN, (Ret.), former Judge Advocate General, U.S. Navy.

LIMITED ENGLISH PROFICIENT AND DISABLED STUDENTS

Committee on Education and the Workforce: Held a hearing entitled “No Child Left Behind: Ensuring High Academic Achievement for Limited English Proficient Students and Students with Disabilities.” Testimony was heard from Keith Buchanan, English for Speakers of Other Languages Office Coordinator, Fairfax County Public Schools, State of Virginia; Margaret McLeod, Executive Director, Office of Bilingual Education, Public Schools, District of Columbia; and public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Ordered reported, as amended, the following bills: H.R. 4591, Stockholm and Rotterdam Toxics Treaty Act of 2005; H.R. 2567, Antifreeze Bittering Act of 2005; and H.R. 5337, Reform of National Security Reviews of Foreign Direct Investments Act.

INDUSTRIAL LOAN CORPORATIONS

Committee on Financial Services: Subcommittee on Financial Institutions and Consumer Credit held a hearing entitled “ILCs—A Review of Charter, Ownership, and Supervision Issues.” Testimony was heard from Scott G. Alvarez, General Counsel, Board of Governors, Federal Reserve System; Douglas H. Jones, Acting General Counsel, FDIC; Rick Hillman, Director, Financial Markets and Community Investment, GAO; G. Edward Leary, Commissioner, Department of Financial Institutions, State of Utah; and public witnesses.

DIVERSITY—GAO PERSPECTIVE

Committee on Financial Services: Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a hearing entitled “Diversity: the GAO Perspective.” Testimony was heard from Orice M. Williams, Director, Financial Markets and Community Investment, GAO; and public witnesses.

U.S. ELECTRICITY GRID STABILITY

Committee on Government Reform: Subcommittee on Energy and Resources held a hearing entitled “Can the U.S. Electric Grid Take Another Hot Summer?” Testimony was heard from Joseph T. Kelliher, Chairman, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, Department of Energy; and public witnesses.

BRIEFING—TERRORIST RADICALIZATION PROCESS

Committee on Homeland Security: Subcommittee on Intelligence, Information Sharing and Terrorism Risk Assessments held a briefing on the terrorist radicalization process, including specific examples of the process at work. The Subcommittee was briefed by departmental witnesses.

NEW YORK 9/11 ASSISTANCE FRAUD

Committee on Homeland Security: Subcommittee on Management, Integration, and Oversight held a hearing entitled “Federal 9/11 Assistance to New York: Lessons Learned in Fraud Detection, Prevention, and Control,” Part I, “Response.” Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Homeland Security: Joe Picciano, Deputy Director, Region II, FEMA; and Richard Skinner, Inspector General; Greg Lutz, Director, Financial Management and Assurance, GAO; the following officials of New York City: Rose Gill Hearn, Commissioner, Department of Investigation; and David J. Varoli, General Counsel, Department of Design and Construction; and public witnesses.

Hearings continue tomorrow.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on the Judiciary: Ordered reported the following bills: H.R. 2965, amended, Federal Prison Industries Competition in Contracting Act of 2005; H.R. 1369, To prevent certain discriminatory taxation of natural gas pipeline property; H.R. 4772, amended, Private Property Rights Implementation Act of 2005; and H.R. 4132, amended, Law Enforcement Cooperation Act of 2005.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Resources: Subcommittee on Water and Power held a hearing on the following bills: H.R. 3558, Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe Equitable Compensation Amendments Act of 2005; H.R. 5282, Southern California Desert Region Integrated Water and Economic Sustainability Plan Act; H.R. 5299, Fort McDowell Indian Community Water Rights Settlement Revision Act of 2006; and H.R. 5715, To make amendments to the Reclamation Projects Authorization and Adjustment Act of 1992. Testimony was heard from William E. Rinne, Acting Commissioner, Bureau of Reclamation, Department of the Interior; and public witnesses.